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PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD EDWARD NYE, G.C.I.E., K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

1. THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM, Prime Minister, in charge of Public, Home, Police, Food and Finance.
2. THE HON. MRS. RUKMINI LAKSHMIPATHI, Minister in charge of Public Health and Medical.
3. THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI, Minister in charge of Industries, Labour, Electricity, Co-operation, Planning, Forests and Cinchona.
4. THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM, Minister in charge of Law, Courts and Prisons and Legislation.
5. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM, Minister in charge of Public (Works) (General), Irrigation and Highways.
6. THE HON. SRI K. KOTI REDDI, Minister in charge of Hindu Religious Endowments and Revenue (other than Land Revenue).
7. THE HON. SRI T. S. AVANASHILINGAM, Minister in charge of Education.
8. THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS, Minister in charge of Local Administration.
9. THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH, Minister in charge of Land Revenue.
10. THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA, Minister in charge of Development—Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
11. THE HON. SRI VEMULA KURMAYYA, Minister in charge of Public Information and Emigration.

MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

President.

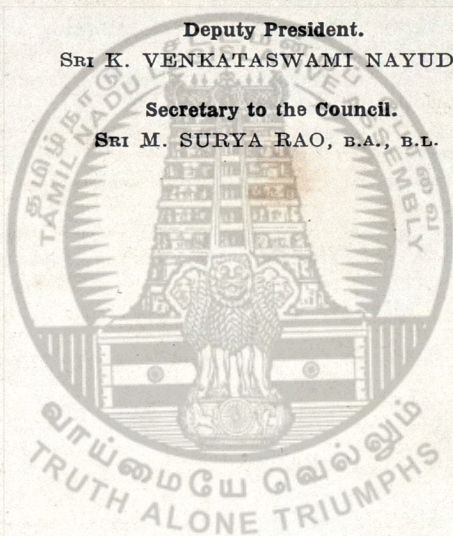
THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJULUNGARU.

Deputy President.

SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU.

Secretary to the Council.

SRI M. SURYA RAO, B.A., B.L.



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
1 Abdul Huq, Sowdagar Mohammed ..	Madras North, Muhammadan.
2 Abdul Lateef Farookhi Sahib Bahadur.	Madras North, Central, Muhammadan.
3 Ahmed Ibrahim Sahib, K. T. M. ..	Madras South, Muhammadan.
4 Antony, K. O.	Indian Christian.
5 Bheema Rao, B.	Bellary, General.
6 Clubwalla, Mrs. M. N., M.B.E. ..	NOMINATED.
7 Gopalakrishnayya, Adusumalli ..	Kistna, General.
8 Govindacharyulu, A.	West Godavari, General.
9 Hamid Sultan Marakayar Khan Bahadur.	Madras South, Central, Muhammadan.
10 Hensman, Mrs. M.	NOMINATED.
11 Iyengar, Lt.-Col., K. R. K., C.I.E., O.B.E., I.M.S. (Retd.).	NOMINATED.
12 Jaganatham, H. M.	NOMINATED.
13 Jayaram Reddiyar, S.	Ramnad, General.
14 John, V. K.	Indian Christian.
15 Krishnamurthi, Rao Bahadur D. ..	NOMINATED.
16 Kumaraswami Mudaliyar, Medai Dalavoi.	Tinnevely, General.
17 Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar, Diwan Bahadur A., M.D., LL.D., D.S.C., F.R.C.O.G., F.A.C.S.	Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras— NOMINATED.
18 Madhava Menon, K.	Malabar, General.
19 Manathunainatha Desigar	Tanjore, General.
20 Manjaya Hegde, D.	South Kanara, General.
21 Muthuranga Mudaliyar, C. N. ..	Chingleput, General.
22 Nagappa Chettiyar, V. Vr. N. Ar. ..	Ramnad, General.
23 Narayana Menon, M.	Malabar, General.
24 Narayana Rao, Mothey	West Godavari, General.
25 Narayanaswami Nayudu, B. ..	Kistna, General.
26 Natarajan, K.	Tanjore, General.
27 Pathy, A. R. L.	Chief Labour Officer, The Western India Match Company, Limited— NOMINATED.
28 Perumalswami Reddiyar, C.	North Arcot, General.
29 Purushotham, Thuraga	East Godavari, General.
30 Rajan, Dr. T. S. S.	Trichinopoly, General.
31 Rama Rau, Dr. U.	Madras City, General.
32 Ramabhadraraju, Nadimpalli ..	East Godavari, General.
33 Ramachandra Reddiyar, A. K. A. ..	Madura, General.
34 Ramakrishna Nayudu, R.	Coimbatore cum Nilgiri, General.

Name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
35 Ramakrishna Rajulungaru, The Hon. Sri R. B. (<i>President</i>).	Chittoor, General.
36 Ramanatham Chettiyar, S. A. S. Rm.	Tanjore, General.
37 Ramaswami Reddiyar, O. P.	South Arcot, General.
38 Ranga Reddi, N.	Cuddapah, General.
39 Roche Victoria, J. L. P.	Indian Christian.
40 Sankara Reddi, N.	Kurnool, General.
41 Sarma, P. R. K.	NOMINATED.
42 Satagopa Mudaliyar, S. K.	Salem, General.
43 Sheik Rowther Sahib, S. K.	Madras West-Coast, Muham- madan.
44 Subbarama Reddi, L.	Nellore, General.
45 Sudarsanam, Maddi	Guntur, General.
46 Suryanarayana Rao, R.	NOMINATED.
47 Tajuddin Khan Bahadur, Dr. Syed.	Madras South Central, Muhammadan.
48 Theobald, R. W.	European.
49 Uppi Sahib, K.	Madras West-Coast, Muham- madan.
50 Veerabhadra Rao, Colluru	Vizagapatam, General.
51 Veerabhadraswami, P.	Do.
52 Veeraswami, Bikkina	East Godavari, General.
53 Venkata Reddi, G.	Anantapur, General.
54 Venkatachalamaji, N.	Vizagapatam, General.
55 Venkataswami Nayudu, K. (<i>Deputy President</i>).	Madras City, General.



 TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ACT, 1935.

Friday, the 24th May 1946.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Deputy President (SRI K. VENKATA-SWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

MR. DEPUTY PRESIDENT:—“ We have met here after seven years. During these years various important events have happened. Everything was thrown pell-mell in the world and, if some of us have emerged out of this, it is purely providential. Though the war has ended, the gloom is still there. The evil effects of war and famine have not left us. The food famine is staring in our face. We have come back to our post of duty. May we raise our hands of prayer to the Almighty in thankfulness and pray that it may be given to us to conduct our affairs in the best manner possible yielding greatest good to our countrymen. With these few words I welcome you to this august Council.

“ First of all, members who have not taken their oath already have to be sworn in and then we have to make a reference to our honoured colleagues who have left us in the interim period.

“ After the reference is over, the Council will be adjourned till to-morrow (25th May 1946).”

I.—SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.

The following members were sworn in :—

Dr. U. Rama Rau.	Sri A. K. A. Ramachandra Reddiyar.
Abdul Lateef Farooki Sahib Bahadur.	“ N. Ramabhadraraju.
K. T. M. Ahmad Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur.	“ R. B. Ramakrishna Rajulungaru.
Mr. K. O. Antony.	“ R. Ramakrishna Nayudu.
Mrs. M. N. Clubwalla, M.B.E.	“ N. Ranga Reddi.
Sri A. Gopalakrishnayya.	Mr. J. L. P. Roche Victoria.
“ A. Govindacharyulu.	Sri N. Sankara Reddi.
Khan Bahadur Hamid Sultan Marak-kayar Sahib Bahadur.	“ P. R. K. Sarma.
Mrs. M. Hensman.	“ S. K. Satagopa Mudaliyar.
Lt.-Col. K. R. K. Iyengar.	Janab S. K. Sheik Rowther Sahib Bahadur.
Sri H. M. Jagannathan.	Janab S. M. Abdul Huq Sahib Bahadur.
“ S. Jayarama Reddiyar.	Sri M. Sudarsanam.
Dr. V. K. John.	“ R. Suryanarayana Rao.
Sri Rao Bahadur D. Krishnamurthi.	Khan Bahadur Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur.
Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar.	Mr. R. W. Theobald.
Sri M. Nagappa Chettiar.	Janab K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur.
“ M. Narayana Menon.	Sri C. Veerabhadra Rao.
“ M. Narayana Rao.	“ P. Veerabhadraswami.
“ K. Natarajan.	“ B. Veeraswami.
Mr. A. R. L. Pathy.	“ G. Venkata Reddi.
Dr. T. S. S. Rajan.	
Sri T. Purushotham.	

II.—DEATH OF MEMBERS.

MR. DEPUTY PRESIDENT:—“ Now it is my painful duty to make a reference to the deceased Members of the House. I regret to have to inform the House of the deaths of the following

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late members of the House and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives :—

Sri V. V. Jogayya Pantulu.

„ Rao Sahib A. S. Alagannan Chettiar.

Janab T. M. Moidu Sahib Bahadur.

Sri N. Subba Raju.

„ A. Rangaswami Ayyangar.

Janab Mamoo Keyi Sahib Bahadur.

Sri D. Sriramamurthi.

Janab Muhammad Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur.

Sri Peddi Raju.

„ M. Narayana Rao.

„ Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan.

„ Diwan Bahadur M. Raman.

The Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri.

Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu.

“ *Sri V. V. Jogayya Pantulu*, advocate, Chicacole, was born in 1869. He was President of the Ganjam Bar Association and for eight years, Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor. In 1921 he resigned his post for political reasons. He took keen interest in public questions and the work of the Indian National Congress. He was Member of the Central Legislature at Delhi from 1927 and resigned it according to the mandate of the Congress. He was elected to the Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 27th January 1940.

“ *Sri Rao Sahib A. S. Alagannan Chettiar*, proprietor, Kottagudi Esate, Bodinayakanur, was born on 25th April 1877 at Bodinayakanur. He was a general merchant, landlord and proprietor, Kotagudi zamin and also owner of cardamom, coffee and tea estates. He was a contractor and agent for the Kannan Devan Hills produce, Mannar. He was the Secretary of the Victoria Memorial High School Committee and Vice-President, Cardamom Planters' Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Bodinayakanur, and member of the Rameswaram Devasthanam Committee from 1922. He was a member of the pre-Reform Legislative Council from 1930. He was elected to the Reformed Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 5th August 1940.

“ *T. M. Moidu Sahib Bahadur*, Tellicherry, was born in 1889 in a very noble Moplah family in North Malabar and educated in C.S.M. and Christian College, Madras. He was elected as a member of the pre-Reform Legislative Council in 1923 and in subsequent elections, and continued as member of the Reformed Council. He was President, Malabar District Board, from 1926 to 1933. He took keen interest in the amelioration of his community.

“ *Sri N. Subba Raju*, Amalapuram, East Godavari district, was born in the year 1886 in a well-known Kshatriya family of the Nadimpallis of Kodurupadu. His father was very popular in both West and East Godavari districts. In 1911 he was elected to the taluk board and since then was actively associated with various local bodies. He was elected President of the Amalapuram Taluk Board in 1932 and was President of the Rajahmundry District Board and the District Educational Council. He was a member of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee and East Godavari District Congress Committee. Died on 7th December 1940.

“ *Sri A. Rangaswami Ayyangar*, advocate, Devakottai, was born in 1889, and had his higher studies in the Presidency College, Madras. He was keenly interested in the Harijan Service and

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was President of the Karaikudi District Harijan Sevak Sangh. He was a leading member of the Devakottai Bar and was elected to the Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 7th January 1941.

" *Janab Mamoo Keyi Sahib Bahadur*, merchant and Municipal Councillor, Tellicherry, was born in November 1888 of a rich family of North Malabar. In 1924, he was elected member of the Municipal Council and also as Vice-Chairman. In 1931 he was re-elected as Chairman. He was member of the S.I.Ry. Advisory Committee and Malabar District Educational Council, and President, Kerala Muslim Majlis, Tellicherry. He was elected member of the Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 8th February 1941.

" *Sri D. Sriramamurthi* was born in Rajahmundry in a well-to-do Vaisya family, and was Secretary of the Rajahmundry Municipal Council and practising pleader. He took active and keen interest in local self-government institutions, adult education and Congress work. He was elected member of the Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 3rd September 1941.

" *Janab Muhammad Ibrahim* was elected member of the Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 25th September 1942.

" *Sri Peddi Raju*, advocate, Ellore, was Secretary of the Ellore Co-operative Central Bank for two years and President of Ellore Taluk Board for 1920-22. He was a member of the Madras Legislative Council from 1923 to 1926 and 1932-37. He was President of the District Board, West Godavari, from 1927 to 1932. He was elected member of the Reformed Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 11th February 1943.

" *Sri M. Narayana Rao*, Pleader, Anantapur, started Central Co-operative Bank in Anantapur, in 1919, and was its President. An ardent Congressman from 1914, he was elected member of the Reformed Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 17th February 1944.

" *Sri Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan* was born in 1859. He started a journal known as 'Parayan' to help the elevation of the depressed classes. He entered the services of Union of South Africa and returned to India in 1920. In 1923 he was nominated to the Madras Legislative Council. He was founder of the Madras Depressed Classes Education Society and nominated member of the Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 18th September 1945.

" *Sri Diwan Bahadur M. Raman*, born in 1878. He served as a clerk and schoolmaster at Calicut. Then he entered as a permanent Deputy Surveyor and rose to the position of a gazetted officer in 1914. He was nominated to Legislative Council in 1937. Died on 18th October 1945.

" *The Rt. Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri*. Born in 1869, he joined the Servants of India Society in 1906. He became nominated member of the Madras Legislative Council in 1913 and continued to hold that office till 1916 when he was elected to the Imperial Legislative Council. He was a member of the Southborough Committee on Franchise and gave evidence before the Joint

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Parliamentary Committee on the Government of India Bill. He represented India at Imperial Conference, the League of Nations and the Washington Conference on Disarmament. He was appointed as Privy Councillor in 1921. He was elected member of the Council of State from 1921-24. He was member of the delegation for the Round Table Conference to South Africa, then the Agent-General, member of the Royal Commission on Labour generally known as the Whitley Commission, and member of the Round Table Conference on Indian Reforms. Later he became Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University, and was nominated member of the Madras Legislative Council under the 1935 Act. Died on 17th April 1946.

“ *Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu* was born in 1875. On his first entry into public life he was active in the field of Local Self-Government serving as member and president of municipal councils and local boards. For a short period in 1920, he was a member of the Imperial Legislative Council. Later he was elected a member of the Madras Legislative Council for the first two terms from 1920 to 1926. During the first term from 1920 to 1923 he was the Minister for Agriculture and Industries. In 1928 he was appointed a delegate from India to the Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva. From 1929 till 1932 he served as Agent-General to the Government of India in South Africa. He was nominated to the Council of State in 1923. He was appointed a member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Madras in 1934 and for four months in 1936 he acted as Governor of the Province. In 1937 he was the first Chief Minister under the Reformed Constitution. From 1940 till his death, he was Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. Later he was appointed to the National Defence Council. As Chairman of the Recruitment Sub-Committee of the Madras Provincial War Committee he toured the districts and visited many colleges to place the needs of the three services and the opportunities for young men to join the services before the public.”

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—“ Please add the name of Sri V. Vasantha Rao also to the list.”

MR. DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—“ Yes. He was one of the very active members of the Council.”

* SRI B. BHEEMA RAO :—“ The name of D. Ramasubba Reddi, M.L.C., from Cuddapah may also be added.

“ Mr. Deputy President, I think some of the deceased members of this House whose names you have read deserve more than a passing reference. I do not think the House will regard it as making an invidious distinction if we make particular reference to some of the personages we have lost. They were notable ones not only in India, but in the international spheres. I should like to refer to two or three typical instances. I do not want to mention all the names of the gentlemen whom we miss to-day. The most notable of them is of course the Rt. Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, P.C.

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“ Sir, from the humble ranks of the teaching profession he made the greatest sacrifice in becoming a member of the Servants of India Society about four decades ago. Later on, he struggled hard in the service of the country and eventually he was nominated a member of the then Madras Legislative Council and subsequently elected to the Imperial Legislative Council as it was called in the olden days. Afterwards he served, as a member of the Imperial Legislative Council, on various committees appointed by the Government of India and on Royal Commissions and he also served as Agent of the Government of India in South Africa with distinction. My own belief is that if he had been spared to us and if he had been once more sent to South Africa as India's Agent, we would not be witnessing the present-day troubles of Indians in that unfortunate country. I wish that his sweetness of temper, and his capacity for persuasion and tact were part of the equipment of each and everyone of the politicians of our country. We remember him as a man of culture and a man of letters. It was a pleasure to hear him in this Chamber. That vividness and beauty of language and expression we have not come across in any other House in this Presidency or even in all India. On account of his passing away, we miss a noble and grand personage and I think it is fitting that we should as a mark of our tribute send this message of condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

“ Sir, the other great personage whose loss we mourn is Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu. Of course he was of a different political persuasion altogether from mine, but he was a remarkable figure in the Opposition in the Legislative Council. He contributed not a little to the interesting debates that took place in this Council. His speeches were marked by intelligence, ability and sound criticism. Though he was highly critical, I think he was helpful in the passing of our legislative measures. I, as chief whip of the Congress Party in the old Council, remember the valuable hints he gave. He occupied the distinguished position of acting Governor of this Presidency and it is but fitting that we should place on record the distinguished services he rendered to the country.

“ Then, Sir, among the departed members of this Council whose death we mourn to-day, the third figure which I remember very well is Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan who was leader of the Harijan community. Somehow or other he was reluctant to the use of the word ‘ Harijan.’ He preferred to be known as a member of the Scheduled Castes. I do not know why. He was always complaining that the appellation ‘ Harijan ’ was not suitable at all. I used to argue with him that ‘ Harijan ’ was the appropriate name for his community and not scheduled classes or depressed classes.

“ Sir, you have recounted the various services rendered by him to his community. I do not want to repeat them. His one complaint used to be that we, the Congress side, had not done all it can to the scheduled castes. I only wished, Sir, that he were alive and witnessed the Congress Party meeting yesterday wherein Mr. J. Sivashanmugam Pillai was elected by a considerable majority for the Speakership of the Assembly! I wish he had seen the

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marked change that has come over the country in favour of the Harijan community and noted how fast and real has been the equal treatment that has been accorded to the Harijans by all classes in the province.

“ Sir, with these few words I associate myself with the motion before the House.”

* K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—“ Deputy President, Sir, I heartily associate myself with what you and the Hon. Member opposite said in connection with the sad demise of the respected members of this House.

“ The Rt. Hon’ble Sastri is not only a person known throughout India, but he is a statesman known throughout the world. His loss is a loss not only to India but it is a loss to the whole world.

“ Sir, I had occasion to be associated with the late Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu and about him I can say with truth that it is a pleasure to cross swords with him. He was very sincere in his words and actions.

“ Sir, the late Khan Bahadur T. M. Moidu Sahib was a colleague of mine in the old pre-reformed Council and we were friends also. He possessed the noble quality of not saying a single harsh word to anybody.

“ Munshi Abdul Wahab Sahib is another of our old colleague whom we miss here. He was a member of the old Council and, I believe, it was by oversight that his name has not found a place in the list read out by you. Mr. M. Jamal Mohamed Ibrahim Sahib, like the other members of his family, was a very charitable friend. He was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Madras Presidency Muslim League and his philanthropic actions are well known to the members of the Muslim community.

“ I do not want to keep the House longer on this subject. I associate myself on behalf of the Muslim party with all that has been said on the floor of the House and support the motion that this condolence motion be sent to the members of the bereaved families.”

* SRI N. RENGHA REDDI :—“ Mr. Deputy President, Sir, I do not want to take up the time of the House in speaking on this motion. I notice, Sir, that the life sketch of Sri D. Ramasubba Reddi who was elected to this Council but did not have the honour of sitting here, has been left out. I suggest that his name may be included; and I propose to give a short sketch. His was a life of suffering and sacrifice. From the very beginning, he never wanted to enter politics, but his friends persuaded him to enter politics and he did so much against his will. He was by nature a man of peaceful habits and so did not want to lead a stormy life. But events forced him and he became President of the District Board, Cuddapah, from 1932 to 1935. His administration was praised by one and all. As an administrator he was never harsh. He had always a pleasing word to say to one and all. At first there were some who did not like that kind of administration, but in the end I should

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say that his administration was liked by everybody. Thus he earned the name of "Gandhi of the district." Unfortunately this House is denied the benefit of his wise counsel. He was a practising lawyer and gave up practice and went to prison by resorting to individual Satyagraha in 1940. He was in jail for one year and was awarded a fine of Rs. 500 also. Subsequently, in connexion with the August movement he was arrested and detained in prison for about 2½ years. His constitution was unsuited to stand the rigours of jail life and it shattered his health. He was unable to walk even short distances and ultimately he had to be removed to the Madanapalle Sanatorium. There also his health deteriorated and in June 1945 he breathed his last. He is one of the rare personages whose memory is worthy of being preserved. He is one of those who did not crave for honours. He craved only for suffering and he suffered and sacrificed his life in the cause of the country.

"As regards the other gentlemen, I only submit that I entirely agree with the sentiments expressed by the Deputy President."

* DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"Mr. Deputy President, it was my proud privilege to have been the Leader of the House with a galaxy of great men, who were members of this House. You know, Sir, that the Government party in this House were more or less gagged to silence and many of the members were scarcely allowed to express themselves. The leader too did little talk and the whole liveliness of the discussions and the vigour that was imparted to them came mostly from the opposition and from the independent members. One of the great men that we met in this House was certainly Sir K. V. Reddi. He was a very great critic and a very powerful speaker, but not always an indiscriminate opponent. For, I remember very well what a wholehearted support he gave to the passing of the Health Act in this House and in fact no member was more enthusiastic about it. So, I cannot say that a member of the Opposition always criticises. In fact, he criticised when he felt that criticism was necessary; but at the same time he did not also hesitate to support the Government where he felt that support was necessary, and it is this particular aspect of his career in this House, when I was the Leader, that I always remember with gratitude. The Health Act was certainly a personal concern in a way, and whatever support I received to it from the other side of the House, it was mainly from the late Sir K. V. Reddi and I attribute its success to the strong support given to it by him.

"It is a pity that the Rt. Hon'ble Sastri was not in good health even when he was in this House and this House could not therefore enjoy the full amount of informative talent which he always displayed whenever he spoke on the subjects brought up in this House. You will remember, Sir, that he had always the privilege of sitting here and addressing the House, for he was so weak in health that the President, out of consideration for this, arranged in such a way that he could speak with the greatest ease and with the least amount of exertion. Even so, his words were powerful enough.—not that he was always a supporter of the Government, but he did not

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hesitate to criticise the Government when it was necessary; and I do remember even to-day, a social reformer that he was—he did not hesitate to oppose the Temple Entry Bill when it was brought before the House, though it was passed by a majority. To him we owe a great deal of academic lessons in debate, for the powerful advocacy which he was always capable of and for that strict neutrality that he maintained, in his attitude in this House. Of course, he had many qualities of head and heart which it is not my business to mention and which has been so ably expressed by Mr. Bhima Rao, but as one who had been in this House throughout the session, I cannot forget the valuable services rendered by Mr. Sastri and Sir K. V. Reddi.

“Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan was a particular friend of mine. He was a great worker for the Harijan cause; a man very straight and upright and whose confidence, I always had. I know very well, that as President of the Harijan Sevak Sangh, in Tamil Nad, what a great source of strength he was to me. I remember very well he took me to a number of friends, who were members of the old Justice Party when they were in power, and did not hesitate to get as much of subscriptions and donations as possible for the Harijan cause from all the members. One particular event I remember only too well, was the occasion when he literally stopped the Raja of Bobbili, from his tour, just to enable me to get from him a handsome donation for the Harijan cause. He was entirely and wholeheartedly devoting every moment of his life to his community and was a source of great strength to it. He was never afraid of speaking out, whether of the attitude of the higher castes or about their misdeeds and I admired him for it. He was a very elderly man. It was with very great difficulty that we worked together in the old Council but we did work. He was present at every sitting of the House. His loss is certainly a loss to the Harijan community and a loss also to this House, where if he were alive, the Government would have nominated him. He would have been a great source of strength for the class and for the cause he represented.

“The loss of many others you have mentioned is a thing to which I need not enter into any detail, but I am sure that everyone who knew of the work of the last Council will bear me out when I say that every member of the House contributed his best for the successful working of the House. The House cannot easily forget their services.”

* MRS. MONA HENSMAN :—“Mr. Deputy President, I do not want to occupy the time of the House for more than a moment, but I do feel that we should associate ourselves, as women, with what the previous speakers have said of the leaders who have passed away. The national service they have done in the administrative and political fields is of such a nature that we can well emulate them. I do think that we women have a special claim for speaking about them this morning, because it was through the leadership of those whose names have been mentioned, especially the

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Rt. Hon'ble Srinivasa Sastri, Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu, Diwan Bahadur M. Raman and Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan, that we have succeeded in doing some social service and it was to them we used to go regularly for help in connexion with legislation regarding the rights of women. You, Sir, will remember that in connection with one or two Bills which dealt with the status of women we had the greatest possible help from several Members of this House, from the Leader of the House, from you yourself and from the President of this Council. I do think it should be put on record that these late lamented gentlemen were not only leaders of men, but they were also leaders of women and we pay our tribute to them having worked with them, in service for the nation."

SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Mr. Deputy President, may I also associate myself in paying my homage to the departed members of this Council? I have not much to say after what Dr. Rajan has said about the work of these Members in the Council. I was called the mischievous little man from Malabar by the late Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu. I do not mean any disparagement to the other members here when I say that the proceedings of this House would have been very insipid but for the participation therein of Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu. As regards the Rt. Hon'ble Sastri all I can say is that dead silence used to prevail in this House when he was speaking. The repartees between our leader and Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu were pleasant treats to us. I am sure all of us will miss them very badly.

" The late Mr. Ramasubba Reddi was with me in jail and I know how much he suffered there.

" V. V. Jogiah Pantulu, the stalwart old leader is no more. I remember very well the warmth with which he spoke on the Estates Land Act Amendment Bill in reply to my hon. Friend, Mr. Narayanawami Nayudu. We will miss him very badly, but we have with us as Minister his son the Hon. Mr. Giri, who will help us to remember the late Jogiah Pantulu.

" I thank you, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to pay my homage to the departed Members of this House."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, I rise to associate myself with the tribute and the homage paid by you and the other members to the departed Members of this honourable House."

* MR. R. W. THEOBALD :—" Mr. Deputy President, I did not propose to speak as such, a junior member of this House, but I do feel that I should like to associate myself and the members of my community with the resolution before the House. Some of the departed Members were princes among men. They were international figures, who did their duty not only in India, but overseas. Some have suffered for the cause for which they worked, they did their duty as they saw it and I should like to give my tribute to the departed gentlemen, trust we may follow in their foot-steps and discharge our duty to our country."

* DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, I was not at first aware that it was open to other members to speak

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and associate themselves with a motion which should command universal respect. I am glad of the opportunity given for an expression of opinion as it has brought forth one solid fact, which I am sure will be treasured for all time, viz., that whatever differences political or otherwise, whatever the heat and passion that might be let loose on occasions when the debate was of a necessarily high order—I am glad and thankful and grateful on this the first day of the session—all of us have come to realize that, whether we are in the Opposition, or on the Treasury Benches or in Independent seats, we contribute not a little to the success of a Legislature which can never be a legislature unless all elements combine to work in their own way for the good of the work we have all assembled here to do. From the generous tributes paid to the departed leaders we realize that after the din of struggle has ended and when we can remember what it is that we have achieved, we realize and treasure the fact that while it may be open to us to support the Government wherever possible and oppose wherever necessary, we are all actuated by the same noble anxiety to serve our country. I heartily associate myself with all that has been said and, in particular, as I happen to know some members more than others, I entirely associate myself with the sentiments expressed in regard to the five members whom I know personally, viz., the Rt. Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu, Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan, Diwan Bahadur M. Raman and Khan Bahadur T. M. Moidu Sahib. Some of them were rough diamonds, but they were diamonds all the same and I am sure if they had been with us they would have given us the particular help that we need in the troubles and turmoils ahead. I hope their wisdom will be preserved for us and the manner in which they conducted themselves in this Legislature will be treasured by us and that the good sound parliamentary traditions they had sought to establish in a supereminent degree will be followed by us."

The reference was adopted all members standing.

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. on the 25th May 1946.

III.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. Notification appended to G.O. No. 1891, L.A., dated 13th September 1945, excluding certain area from the Tanjore district so as to include it within the limits of Kumbakonam Municipality.
2. Notification appended to G.O. No. 2254, L.A., dated 17th October 1945, excluding certain area from the limits of the Ramnad district so as to include it within the limits of the Sivakasi Municipality.
3. Notification I appended to G.O. No. 529, L.A., dated 16th March 1946, abolishing the Saidapet Municipality in order to include the area within the limits of the City of Madras and Notification IV appended to the same Government Order excluding certain areas from the Chingleput district in order to include them within the limits of the City of Madras.

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4. Notification II appended to G.O. No. 589, L.A., dated 26th March 1946, excluding from the limits of the Madura district the local area defined in the schedule so as to include it within the limits of the Madura Municipality.

5. Notification appended to G.O. Ms. No. 860, Home, dated 22nd March 1946, making certain amendments to the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, published with Home Department Notification No. 357, dated 29th March 1940, as subsequently amended.

6. Notification appended to G.O. Ms. No. 930, Home, dated 28th March 1946, making certain amendment to the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, published with Home Department Notification No. 357, dated 29th March 1940, as subsequently amended.



